

BULLET POINT ASSURANCES FOR VAMP PROPONENT DISCUSSIONS

- A. Forgoing the 1999 transfer will not jeopardize the VAMP process for implementation. These assurances are needed from USFWS, USBR, US EPA, NMFS, CDF&G and DWR.
- B. USBR and DWR will agree to forgive implementation of water purchases in 1999.
- C. During the standstill period:
 - 1. No new aquatic species in the Delta will be listed as threatened, endangered, or have critical habitat designated nor will any action prejudicial to VAMP proponents be taken based upon the assumption VAMP will not occur.
 - 2. In the absence of VAMP-like commitments, negotiations with NMFS for candidate conservation agreements will bear little or no fruit during March/April/May. Assurances from NMFS is therefore necessary that the absence of the VAMP will not affect its decision concerning the listing of fall-run chinook salmon in August 1999.
 - 3. The SWRCB agrees to suspend its Delta proceedings during the standstill period.
 - 4. The NHI and Bay Institute agree to the deferral.
 - 5. The deferral does not result in a water supply impact to any VAMP proponent.